

2017-2018 LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS AND FEAST DAYS – YEAR B

DATE	CALENDAR	SCRIPTURES	GOSPEL THEME
Dec. 3	1 st Sunday of Advent	Psalms 80; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37	Watchfulness
Dec. 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Psalms 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8	John the Forerunner
Dec. 17	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:68-79; Isaiah 61:1-4, 7-11; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28	John the Forerunner
Dec. 24	4 th Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38	The Blessed Virgin God-bearer Mary
Dec. 24/25 (Sunday and Monday)	Christmas Eve/Day Services <i>If only one service is done, any combination of the scriptures from the various services may need to be used in order to best capture the necessary themes.</i>	Vigil: Psalms 89:3-4, 15-16, 20-28; Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:1-25 Evening Communion service: Psalms 96; 1-3, 11-13; Is. 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Morning: Psalms 98:1-6; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18	Christ is Born!
Dec. 31	Sunday After Christmas	Psalms 128; Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Col. 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40	Ss. Simeon and Anna
<i>Since this is the only Sunday after Christmas, you might want to consider mentioning any/all of the following themes as well, which chronologically fall before the Baptism: Circumcision/naming, meeting in the temple, wise men, flight to Egypt, slaughter of the innocents, teaching in the temple (Matt. 2, Lk. 2:21-52). (Official Eastern Feast of the Meeting in the Temple is Feb. 2, the 40th day.)</i>			
Jan. 7 (Epiphany actually 6 th)	1 st Sunday after Epiphany/Theophany (Epiphany celebrated)	Psalms 29; Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Mark 1:7-11	Baptism of Christ/ Manifestation of Messiah and Trinity
Jan. 14	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Jn. 1:43-51	Calling of Philip and Nathanael
Jan. 21	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 25:1-21; Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20	Jesus' Public Ministry
Jan. 28	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 95:1-7; Deut. 18:15-19; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28	Teaching with Authority
Feb. 2 (Friday)	Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple	Psalms 85:8-13; Ex. 12:51-13:16; Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40	Fulfillment of the Old Covenant in Christ
Feb. 4	<i>(If Meeting of Our Lord isn't celebrated here)</i> 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalms 147:1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39	Healing and Delivering
Feb. 11	6 th Sun. after Epiphany (Sunday Before Lent)	<u>Eucharist:</u> Ps. 103:1-14; Hos.2:1-2, 14-20; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Mark 2:13-22	Hope for Sinners
	Forgiveness Service	<u>Vespers:</u> Psalms 32; Genesis 50:15-21 or Isaiah 58; Romans 14:1-13 or James 3:13-4:12; Matthew 6:14-21	Forgiveness, Fasting, Treasure in Heaven

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Feb. 14 (Wed.)	Ash Wednesday and/or Presanctified Gifts	Psalms 51 or 90; Genesis 3 or Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 or James 4:13-5:16a; Luke 12:13-32	A Reminder of Our Mortality and a Call to Repentance and Trust in God
Feb. 18	1 st Sunday of Lent	Psalms 25:1-10, 19-21; Gen. 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15	Testing in wilderness
Feb. 21 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Desire
Feb. 25	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Psalms 116; Genesis 22:1-18; Romans 8:31b-39; Mark 9:2-10	Transfiguration
Feb. 28 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Publican & Pharisee	Luke 18:10-14	Humility
March 4	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Psalms 19; Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-25	Cleansing of Temple & Pascha foretold
March 7 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32	Return
March 11	4 th Sunday of Lent	Psalms 137:1-6; 2 Chron. 36:14-23; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21	Foretelling and Purpose
March 14 (Wed.)	Presanctified Gifts/ The Last Judgement	Matthew 25:31-46	Love
March 18	5 th Sunday of Lent	Psalms 51:1-17; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33	Life and fruit from death
Mar. 21	Presanctified Gifts/ The Paralytic	Mark 2:1-12	Healing and Forgiveness in Christ
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday	Ps. 118:15-29; Zechariah 9:9-17; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-10	Triumphal Entry
Also	The Annunciation of the Mother of God	Luke 46b-55; Isaiah 7:10-14; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38	Gabriel announces Mary as God-bearer
Mar. 28	Holy Wednesday Unction Service	Psalms 143; Job 2:1-10; Rom.12:1-3 or 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Matthew 26:6-16	Anointing at Bethany and Plotting of Judas
Mar. 29	Holy Thursday	<u>Eucharist</u> : Psalms 23 or 116:12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:2-29 <u>Ft. Washing</u> : John 13-17 or 13:1-15 <u>Betrayal</u> : Jn. 18:1-27	Mystical Supper, Foot washing, Betrayal
Mar. 30	Holy Friday	<u>Crucifixion</u> : Psalms 22 or 31:1-5, 11-16; Isaiah 52:13-54:1, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 or 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 27:27-54 <u>Burial</u> : Matthew 27:57-66	Crucifixion and Burial

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Mar. 31	Holy Saturday	Psalms 88; Job. 19:23-27a, Daniel 3:13-25, Jonah 1:17-2:10; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Matthew 12:38-42 and/or 27:50-54	Bright Sadness at its Climax
April 1	Easter	Vigil Readings: Ps. 33; Ps. 16; Genesis 1-3; Genesis 22:1-18; Ps. 105/106; Exodus 14; Ezekiel 36: 16-28; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Mark 16:1-8 Eucharist: Psalms 118:1-2, 10-24; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18	He is Risen!
April 8	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Psalms 118:1-14; Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31	Sunday of St. Thomas
April 15	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Psalms 4; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48	Post-resurrection Appearance
April 22	4 th Sunday of Easter	Psalms 100; Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-3; John 10:11-18	Good Shepherd
April 29	5 th Sunday of Easter	Psalms 22:25-31; Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8	The Vine and the Branches
May 6	6 th Sunday of Easter	Ps. 98: 1-6; Acts 10:25-26, 34-36, 43-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17	Abiding in Love
May 10 (Thursday)	Ascension of Our Lord	Psalms 47; Acts 1:1-12; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:44-53	Christ Raises Humanity to Glory
May 13	<i>(If Ascension isn't celebrated here) Last/7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Psalms 103; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1 John 4:11-21; John 17:11b-21	Christ Prays for Unity
May 20	Pentecost	Vigil Readings: Ps. 104; Gen. 11:1-9 or Ex. 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ezek. 37:1-4 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom. 8:22-27; Jn. 7:37-39 Eucharist: Ps. 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:1-13; John 20:19-23	The Descent of the Spirit
May 27	Trinity Sunday	Psalms 33; Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 28:16-20	Ministry in the Image of the Trinity
June 3	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 81:1-10; Deut. 5:12-15; 2 Cor. 6-11; Mark 2:23-3:6	Lord of the Sabbath
June 10	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 138; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35	Binding the Strong Man & Plundering his House
June 17	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 92; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; Mark 4:26-34	Parables of the Kingdom

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June 24	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 38:1-11, 40:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41	Jesus calms the stormy sea
July 1	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 30; Ezekiel 18:21-23, 31-32; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43	Jairus' Daughter & the Bleeding Woman
July 8	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ps. 123:1-4, 1; Ezek. 1:1, 28c, 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-6	A Prophet Without Honor
July 15	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 85:7-13; Amos 7:10-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13	The Apostles Sent Out
July 22	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34	Compassionate Shepherd
July 29	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 145; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15	Loaves and Fish
Aug. 5	<i>(If Transfiguration isn't celebrated here)</i> 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 78:1-25; Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17-24; John 6:24-35	The Bread from Heaven
Aug. 6 (Monday)	Transfiguration	Ps. 104; Dan. 7:9-14; 2 Pet. 1:16-19; Lk. 9:28-36	Christ's Eternal Reality/Our Hope
Aug. 12	<i>(If Falling Asleep isn't celebrated here)</i> 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 34:1-10; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51	The Bread of Life
Aug. 15 (Wednesday)	The Falling Asleep of the Mother of God	Ps. 132; Gen. 28:10-17; Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28	The Blessed Mary Enters Heaven
Aug. 19	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 34:11-22; Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58	Life-giving Flesh and Blood
Aug. 26	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 16; Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18; Ephesians 5:21-33; John 6:60-69	Spiritual Perspective
Sept. 2	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 15; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Js. 1:16-27; Mark 7:1-23	Inside Out
Sept. 8 (Saturday)	Nativity of the Mother of God	Ps. 45; Micah 5:1-4; Rom. 12:1-13 Mat. 1:1-23	Birth of the Birth-giver
Sep. 9	<i>(If Nativity isn't celebrated here)</i> 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37	Healed Ears and Tongue
Sept. 14 (Friday)	Exaltation of the Cross	Ps. 116; Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-35 or Jn. 3:14-21 or Jn. 12:31-36a	Glory and Victory in the Cross of Christ
Sept. 16	<i>(If Exaltation isn't celebrated here)</i> 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 116; Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-38	Discipleship, Confession & the Cross
Sept. 23	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 54:1-7; Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3:16-4:8a; Mark 9:30-37	Greatness in Serving

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Sept. 30	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 19; Numbers 11:24-29; James 5:1-11; Mark 9:38-50	Peace and Obstacles
Oct. 7	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 128; Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:5-11; Mark 10:2-16	Marriage and Divorce
Oct. 14	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 90:1-4, 12-17; Prov. 4:1-9; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30	True Riches
Oct. 21	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 33; Isaiah 53:1-3, 7-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45	Glory through Cross
Oct. 28	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 126; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:46-52	Blind Bartimaeus Healed
Nov. 1 (Thursday)	All Saints Day	Psalms 16; Exodus 3:1-6; Revelation 7:1-14; Matthew 5:1-12	Sainthood
Nov. 4	<i>(If All Saints isn't observed)</i> 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 18:1-3, 26-50; Deut. 6:1-9; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34	Greatest Commandment
Nov. 11	25 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 146; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44	Widow's Offering
Nov. 18	<i>(If Presentation isn't celebrated here)</i> 26 th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 16; Daniel 12:1-4; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:(1-23) 24-32	Return of Christ
Nov. 21 (Wednesday)	Presentation of Theotokos in the Temple	Ps. 84; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 10:38-42, 11:27-28	Mary prepared to be the Temple of God
Nov. 25	27 th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of Christ the King	Ps. 93; Daniel 7:1-2, 9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37	The True King

**Note: - If you celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday in your country and you want some scriptures to use for the celebration, the following are typically used: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19